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The Honorable Victor Marrero
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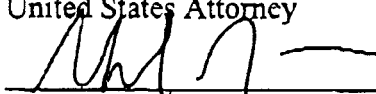
Re: Alliance for Open Society Int'l v. USAID, 05 Civ. 8209 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

This Office represents the government defendants in the above-referenced action, and writes to request that Your Honor extend the deadline for Defendants to file their opposition to plaintiffs Alliance for Open Society International, Inc.'s and Open Society Institute's motions for a preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order, and to plaintiff Pathfinder International's motion for a preliminary injunction. Defendants request that the time for Defendants to oppose the motions be extended from January 3, 2006 to January 4, 2006. In addition, Defendants request permission to file an opposition brief with a page length of up to 55 pages, so that it may properly respond to all of the Plaintiffs' motions and to the amici briefs. Further, Defendants respectfully request that the date for Defendants to submit their answer to the Amended Complaint be extended from January 3, 2006 to January 10, 2006. Plaintiffs have consented to the foregoing requests, and request that their reply brief upon their motions be extended from January 24, 2006 to January 25, 2006. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Request GRANTED. The briefing schedule with regard to the motion <u>for preliminary injunction</u> herein is extended as set forth herein: motion papers submitted by _____; response <u>1-4-06</u> ; reply <u>1-25-06</u> . Defendants' brief may contain up to 55 pages. Defendants' time to answer the Amended Complaint is extended to 1-10-06.	
DATE	VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.

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